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PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 018512-006510US

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TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CREECH et al.

Application No.: 09/927,267

Filed: August 10, 2001

For: CNG2B: A NOVEL HUMAN
CYCLIC NUCLEOTIDE-GATED ION
CHANNEL

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 16, 2003, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time to respond for three months, from December 16, 2003, to March 16, 2004, is filed herewith. Also filed concurrently is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. Zhixin Lin. A Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191(a) is further filed herewith.

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